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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph starting at page 2, line 1:

The support frame 30 is fixed to a structural portion of the equipment such as its case. The support frame 30 has a main body 31 for example. The main body 31 is provided, at predetermined positions thereof, with fixing pins 39 for fixing the support frame 30 to the structural portion on a surface opposite to a surface 38.

Paragraph starting at page 2, line 18:

The operation button 10, the hinge structures 20 and the support frame 30 are integrally formed by molding a synthetic resin. A connection portion that connects the shaft-like member of the hinge structure 20 and the flange 12 and a connection portion that connects the shaft-like member of the hinge structure 20 and the main body 31 respectively have a surface smoothly continued by a predetermined R (i.e., a predetermined curvature radius).

Paragraph starting at page 3, line 14:

To a car audio device, since its operation panel has a given size, and additionally, since its display that employs an LCD becomes large in recent years, there arise problems ~~deprived~~ derived from a limited space for arranging the operation button.

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Paragraph starting at page 5, line 28:

The support frame 30 is fixed to a structural portion of the equipment such as its case. The support frame 30 has a main body 31. The main body 31 is provided, at predetermined positions thereof, with fixing pins 39 for fixing the support frame 30 to the structural portion on a surface opposite to a surface 38.

Paragraph starting at page 6, line 27:

A front side and a rear side of the connection portion on the side of the operation button 10 are respectively on the same planes as a front surface (a surface 13) and a rear surface (a surface 14) of the flange 12 and are respectively smoothly continued to the front surface and the rear surface of the flange 12. Also, two side surfaces (referred to as "side surfaces" in the claims and denoted by numerals 23, 24 in the drawings) of the hinge portion 21 are smoothly continued to the flange 12 by a predetermined R (i.e., a predetermined curvature radius).

Paragraph starting at page 7, line 27:

The hinge portion 21 and the connection portion 22 described above have front surfaces (parallel to the surface 33) continued to each other on the same plane, and have both side surfaces 23, 24 continued continuous to each other on the same plane. Further, a rear surface (the surface on the rear side) of the hinge portion 21 is connected to a surface 36 of the main body 31, and the connected part is smoothly continued by a predetermined R (i.e., a predetermined curvature radius).